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L. S. G. (1924) Department.

Misc. SERIES.

G.O. No. 3131 (Extm)

DATED 6 - XI - 1924

[Despatch Abstract.]

UNION BOARD - ~~Kamalapuram~~ - Allegation regarding purchase of Kerosine Oil - papers recorded.

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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Local Self Government DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) A.C. Duff Esquire I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of

Post Box ....., (Station) Bellary.

Telegraphic Address .....

SECRETARIAT BOMBAY SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT 22 OCT 1924 29893

To The Secretary to Government
Local Self Government Department,
Madras.

2 OCT 1924

D. Dis. C. *No.* 1241/24, *dated* 17th Oct. *1924*.

Sir,

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Ref:- G.O.Ms.No.334 Misc/16-8-24. (J) with Under Sec

Enclosed is the report with the record of enquiry received from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Hospet.

2. I have to say that the President's conduct in purchasing oil from a shop which he was obviously interested in is most reprehensible. But I really do not see how the President of a Union Board can be expected to -- measure out oil and watch whether the individual lamps are lit or not. If members report unlit lamps, of course he should see to it. The clerk in my opinion was unquestionably guilty of fraudulent practices. I do not think he deserved to be reinstated in the light of this enquiry. It might be well also to have a new President -- elected, but, as the late Divisional Officer says, the place is full of factions one, I am not at all sure that we shall do any better.

21/10/24

for Collector.

P.T.O. 18-10-24.

Cf para 5 of G.O. 2247/Local 16.8.24 (J) with Under Sec

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) M.R.Ry. P.V.Krishna Rao Panthulu Garu B.A.,B.L.

(Designation) Revenue Divisional Officer

Post Box , (Station) Hospet

Telegraphic Address

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Ref 4841/24

To The Collector,

BELLARY.

D.Dis. *No.* 708/24, *dated* 6-10-1924 *192* .

Sir,

Enclosures 6

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Your Ref.C. No. 4841/24-B4 dated 22-8-1924 regarding the allegations against the President, Kamalapuram Union Board.

I camped at Kamalapuram on 3-10-1924 and enquired personally into the allegations. I examined the statement showing the stock and distribution of kerosine oil to the lamp lighters each day and recorded the statements of the president, and his clerk, for the elucidation of the entries in the kerosine oil statements. I recorded the statements also of Karnam Rama Rao and Kamma Timmappa in respect of the allegation that 3 lamps were not lighted for about 3 months in the year 1922.

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2. The statement showing the quantities of kerosine oil purchased from time to time and the quantities distributed to the lighters each day during the lamp-lighting period is the most important account of the union which would help the present enquiry. This account for the period prior to the year 1923 is missing in the union office. The permanent clerk Krishna Rao who went on 3 months' leave on 20-6-1923 and who was dismissed by the president but ultimately reinstated by the Taluk Board, states that it was handed over by him to his successor when he went on leave; but the president states it was not handed over in office.

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The current account dates from 5-1-1923, but it is admittedly a fudged account at least up to May 1923, (i.e.,) till the Union Board passed a resolution that the president should be purchasing 10 tins of kerosine oil at a time direct from Hospet and the stock should be stored in the office and issued from it direct to the lamp lighters. 2½ tins of kerosine oil was purchased for Rs. 12-8-0 at Rs. 5 a tin on 5-1-1923 and the clerk converted the tins into 1425 oz at a high and incorrect rate of 570 oz a tin, when a tin of kerosine oil weighs only 490 to 500 oz excluding the weight of the tin. Regular distribution to lighters was shown in the account till all the 1425 oz were exhausted showing bogus entries of distribution and bogus balances every day. When the book balance was exhausted 2½ tins were again purchased on 3-2-1923 for Rs. 12-8-0. They were similarly converted into 1425 oz and distribution and balances shown in the account. A third purchase of 2 tins for Rs. 9 on 5-3-1923 was similarly accounted for till 3-4-1924. On the 4th occasion, 5 tins were purchased at Hospet for Rs. 21-9-0 at Rs. 4-5-0 a tin. This supply also was converted into oz at 570 oz a tin, but on 26-5-1923 an adjustment of 200 oz was made at 40 oz per empty tin; presumably, when the bogus book balance was found not to agree with the actual balance. This was after the Union Board took the necessary precautions to stock the oil in the office. When the union president and his clerk were confronted with these fudged entries, they could not but admit that they were bogus entries. Till the Union Board passed the resolution, the president or his clerk were not supervising the issues of kerosine oil to the lamp lighters or the lighting of lamps. The lighters used to take oil from the tins approximately without any measurement and when the stock was exhausted he would reimburse it. He did not know which lamps were lighted and which not. He was simply putting his initials in the kerosine oil account on trust when the clerk put up the account before him once

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in 2, 3 or even 5 days. The clerk admitted that the account was written once in 4 days, a week, or 15 days, or even a month, when he was shown that the entries of distribution of oil from 3-6-1923 to 20-6-1923 were in the hand of his successor when he himself continued in office till 20-6-1923. When the president suspected the lighters and the clerk, he removed the stock to his house but he was still allowing the lighters to take oil without measurement and without any one supervising the issues. The clerk throws the whole blame on the president and says that he was doing everything under the personal instructions of the president.

Since the Chairman of the Union Board clearly admits his lack of supervision and cannot state how many lights were lighted from time to time and what quantities of kerosine oil were taken by the lighters, and cannot even explain why, according to him, his clerk paid such a heavy rate of Rs. 5 per tin, I considered no further enquiry was necessary. The president is grossly negligent in his duties and deserves to be replaced.

3. As regards the alleged misappropriation of the excess amounts charged for the tins, I submit it is a fact that the vendor Seenappa is the president's neice's husband and that the shop is run in the joint names of the president and Seenappa. But the latter states that the former simply lent his name and that he is not given any profits of the shop. This, I learn, is quite false though nobody came forward to depose before me. The president admits that the price was high. He is responsible for the difference of Rs. 15-7-3 on the 17 tins of oil purchased during his time as worked out by the President, Taluk Board, Hospet. In this connection, I have to note that this extraordinary rate of Rs. 5 a tin was charged also by 2 of the predecessors of the present president for a period of nearly 1½ years in respect of 32 tins, vide the statement prepared by the President, Taluk Board, copy enclosed.

4. As regards the omission to light 3 lamps in the latter

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part of 1922, the karnam, Pama Rao, who complained to the President then and there says that the lamp near his house was not lit for about 3 months at that time. Kamma Timmappa states that the lamp opposite to his house was lit always. I enquired several persons about the 8 lights in question, but they could not say at this distance of time whether they were lit or not. Even with regard to this point, no further enquiry is necessary as the president admits that he never supervised the lighting of any lamps. As the previous volume of the kerosine stock and issue book is missing, the fact cannot be ascertained from the records of the Union.

p9 to 11 supra p6 & 7 supra

5. The statements of the president, his clerk, and those of karnam Pama Rao, Kamma Timmappa and Seenappa are enclosed.

p12 supra p8 supra p13 to 15 supra

P. V. Krishnamurthy 8/10/24

P.S. 8/10. Rev. Divl. Officer.

8.10.24

Enclosures 6.

Nitravatti Krishnarao union clerk
Kamalapuram.

I have been union clerk. Kamalapuram
since 1917. I served under presidents
Hanuman Singh & Sabjee Saheb also.
I prepared the account of oil always.
The present president Shri Jaturi Chowdhry
took charge as president in July 1922.
I prepared the oil account in his time
also. The current oil account of union
lamps contains entries from 5.1.23. The
account prior to that must have been
in office. I delivered it to union clerk
Venkobarao in June 1923 when I went
on 3 months leave. I was dismissed
by the union president after the expiry of my
leave. I was reinstated by the Salt
Board on appeal & rejoined duty
on 1.9.24. I am doing the work entrusted
to me by the president. The office work
is being done. Still by my predecessor.
~~During~~ The old oil account is said
to be missing. I handed over charge
to Venkobarao on 20.6.24. The entries
in the oil account from 3.6.23 are
in the writing of Venkobarao. I did not
prepare oil account from 3.6.23 to 20.6.23
although I was in duty. I was not
in the habit of writing the oil account
daily. I used to write it once in 4 or

once a week, 15 days or even once a month.
From the month of January to the end of May
12 tins of Kerosine oil were purchased & sent.
A tin is showing as weighing 570 oz although
it weighs about 500 oz. I never weighed
the tins. I made the entries according to
the instructions of the union ~~Chairman~~ President.
I never issued ~~to~~ Kerosine oil myself
to the lighters. The Kerosine oil account
from January 5th to 22.5.23 was all
incorrect. The Kerosine oil was always
stocked in the President's house & he used
to issue it. I have now seen that a
tin of Kerosine oil without the tin weighs
about 492 oz. The distribution Statement
is also incorrect. ~~It~~ I prepared
the distribution Statement of oil
according to the President's personal
instructions. I never paid for any
Kerosine oil to the merchant. The
President will always have the
Cash with him & he used to pay for
every thing himself.
Read over & interpreted in Tebya & admitted
~~are~~ Correct.

N. Hirita Rao
Union Clerk
23.10.24

Taken before me
N. V. Thirumalai
ADO
3.10.24

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Karekkal Kamma Immappa of Kamalapuram.

There is a union lantern in front of my house. For the last 3 years it was regularly lighted in the dark moon days & for about 11 days in the bright moon days ~~regularly~~ whenever the chimney was broken the lantern was not lighted for 2 or 3 days.

Read over & interpreted in Telugu to witness

Correct.

3/10/24

Taken by me
P.V. Krishnaiah
RDO
3.10.24.

Statement of — 61

Union President Juturu Chendrappa
of Kamalapuram union on 3.10.24.

Before the old union clerk N. Kristnadas
went on leave in June 1923, I had the
Stock of Kerosine oil of the union in
my own house & issued the Stock
required for each day by the lighters
drawn from my house. The Camp lighters
used to take the oil from the Stock
They used to take the Kerosine oil approximately
without weighing or measuring it. I
never supervised the issues of Kerosine
oil to the lighters. In the beginning
the union clerk used to supervise the
issues. Subsequently he gave up
the supervision. I then left
the business to the lighters on trust.
The union clerk himself used to
prepare the Kerosine oil account
after questioning the lighters. The
union clerk used to put up the
account once in 2, 3 or even 5 days
at times & I used to initial it.
Just before his going on leave, he
left out entries for 18 days. The
clerk himself used to purchase Kerosine
oil drawn from the bazaar & I used
to give him the prices for it. I do not
know where the clerk was purchasing
the Kerosine oil. He used to get the
receipts after paying the money

From April 1923. there was a resolution of the union Board to purchase 10 tins at a time from Hospet & I was getting the stock from Hospet from May 1923. In April 1923 5 tins were purchased at Hospet for Rs 4-5-0 a tin & there was a charge of 0-3-0 per tin towards Coolg. In March 1923 2 tins were purchased from Seenappa at Rs 4-0-0 a tin and in January & February 1923, ~~Rs~~ 2½ tins per measure were purchased from Seenappa at all prior at Rs 5. a tin. These purchases were made by the union clerk Krishnaraw. The rates were comparatively high. -2- do not know why the Clerk paid ~~the~~ such high rates. There was a Kerosine oil account prior to 5. 1. 1923. It is now missing. ~~The present~~ clerk Venkobarao tells me that Clerk Krishnaraw did not hand over the previous account to him. I cannot say if the lanterns at Karnam Ramakrishnaiah's house was or was not lighted for about 3 months in 1922. The lighter was telling me that he was lighting all the lamps. Nor did I know if the other 2 lanterns at Timmappa's house & Chandi Devi were lighted at that time. Merchant Seenappa is my sisters daughters husband. After May 1923 the stock of Kerosine oil is maintained in office. the issues are made under my personal supervision

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J. Chandrappa

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Venkobarao. I have been saperoising
the lighting also at intervals. As
I suspected the clerks & the lighters,
I had the stock of Kerosine oil in
my house for abont 3 or 4 months
After clerk Krishnarao went on leave,
I was having the stock in the union
office.

J. Chandrappa.
president
03-10-24.

Taken by me, Read over, interpreted
in Kanarese & admitted Correct

P.V. Krishnarao
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3.10.24

I do not know the account prepared
by the clerk in ounces. I have now
understood the account and am
carefully saperoising it.

J. Chandrappa
president
03-10-24

Taken by me
P.V. Krishnarao
3.10.24.

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Karuman Nanjaran of Kamalapura

I gave a petition to the union president of Kamalapuram on 31.12.22 that the union lantern near my house was not lighted for about 3 months prior to that. It was a fact. After that, the lantern was being lighted regularly. I do not know about the other lanterns in the village.

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Taken by me, interpreted in Kannada and admitted Correct

P. V. Muthuraju
DO
3.10.24

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Statement of Hallasya Sennoffa.
Merchant. Kamalapuram Dt 6.10.22.

From January to March 1923. I sold 7 tins of Kerosine oil to the Kamalapuram union. The tins sold in January & February were given for Rs 5 a tin. & ~~that~~ those sold in march were sold at Rs 4-0-0. There were fluctuations in market & so I sold them for such heavy prices. The prices were ~~with~~ including the cost of the tin. The Value of 1 tin of Kerosine oil ~~is~~ including the cost of the tin was Rs 5 in January & Feb 23. I cannot say how Rs 2-0-0 was charged for half a tin of Kerosine oil without any charge for the tin. I might have supplied oil for about a year to the union boats from my shop. I would have given both monkey mark & lion mark oil according to the stock maintained by me from time to time. I used to purchased monkey mark kerosine oil from the Gargaram Company at Hospet for Rs 4-6-0 & Rs 4-10-0 inclusive of the Cost of the tin. Cash transactions are not shown in my accounts. The union authorities always used to purchase Kerosine oil for cash from my shop. Clerk Krishnaraos would purchase the oil. The shop is mine & prosecution ~~has no~~ share in it. I am Chennappa's nieces husband. As I

am not concerned the accounts are maintained in the joint names of myself & Chendrappa so that the latter may have a proper check of by the shop to Chendrappa.

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Taken down by me. read over & interpreted in Kannada & admitted Correct

P. V. Krishna
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16-7-19 to 30-7-19	2	8	15.6 వేలంపాట లేదు
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14-9-19 to 28-9-19	2	8	15.6 " "
13-10-19 to 27-10-19	2	8	15.6 " "
10-11-19 to 24-11-19	2	8	15.6 " "
11-12-19 to 25-12-19	2	8	15.6 " "
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9-3-20 to 23-3-20	2	12	" " శివరాత్రి కారణంగా
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24-5-21 to 7-6-21	2	10	" " "
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23-7-21 to 6-8-21	2	10	" " "
21-8-21 to 4-9-21	2	10	" " "
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18-11-21 to 2-12-21	2	10	" " వేలంపాట రాదు

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15-5-22	29-5-22	2	10

(Sd) V. Kothandaram naidu
12-9-24

(True copy)

Narasaiyanao
For Revenue Officer

8.10.24

13-6-22 to 27-6-22	2	10	
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8-11-22 to 22-11-22	2	10	
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5-1-23 to 25-1-23	2½	12	
3-2-23 to 23-2-23	2½	12	
5-3-23 to 25-3-23	2	9	

(Sd) V. Ko Thandaramaiah
12-9-24

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Narasimha Rao
For Revenue Officer

8/10/24

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ORDER.

No. 3131 h/m, dated 6/11/1924

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Recorded ~~with reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 2011 from dated 16th August 1924~~.

2 The Conduct of the President of the Kamalapuram Union Board in having purchased Kerosene oil from a shop (which) in the was pecuniarily interested is ~~highly~~ reprehensible. The President should not, (in future) ~~purchase Kerosene oil from the shops in question~~ (give cause) for such Complaints in future.

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So

The Collector of Bellary.

" P. DB. Bellary

" P. U. B. Kamalapuram (thro P.DB)

Copy to the Examiner of Local accounts.

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RECEIVED LOCAL BOARDS DEPARTMENT 23 MAR 1925

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Dis. C. B. No. 577 23

OFFICE OF THE TALUK BOARD, HOSPET

DATED 28th February 35.

From

M.R.Ry. Dewan Bahadur T. Kothanda Rama Naidu Garu.,
President, Taluk Board,
Hospet.

To

The Secretary to the Local Self Government Department,
Madras.
Through The President, District Board, Bellary.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to state how the matter referred to in para 3 of G. O. No. Miscellaneous 3247 L. & M. dated 16th August 1924 ended.

(2).

I have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Sd. T. Kothanda Rama Naidu.
28-2-35.

B.S. 28-2-35. President.

(True copy)

K.S.G.(Edn) Deptt

Endt: No.

A Copy of G.O No. 3131/Edn dated 6/11/24 is furnished to the President Taluka Board Hospet for information -

L.S.G. (Lon) Dept

CRNo. 8601 from the P.T.B. Hospet CRNo. 577/23 & 22/2/25
8693-

Subject:- Allegations re: purchase of kerosene oil - Kamalapuram Union Board.

Recall

Memo No. 8693-1 Lon dt 24/4/25

The P.T.B. is informed that orders were passed in G.O.No. 3131/Lon dt 6/11/24 a copy of which is hereunto furnished -

DESPATCHED
24 APR 1925

To
The P.T.B. Hospet with a copy of G.O No. 3131/Lon 6/11/24.

Issue and file with G.O 3131 6/11/24